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Selectmen Minutes 07-30-2001

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, July 30, 2001

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lyons - Chair, Mrs. Mahon - Vice Chairman, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd
 Also Present: Mr. Farrington, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: May 23, 2001, June 20, 2001, June 25, 2001

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

Mr. Greeley abstained from voting on the May 23rd and June 20th minutes as he was absent from those meetings.

Mrs. Dias abstained from voting on the June 20th minutes as she was absent from that meeting.

SO VOTED

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

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Arlington Arts Council

Elinore Kagan, Appointment

(term to expire 7/04)

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Jessica Siegel - Appointment

(term to expire 7/04)

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Lisbeth Kamborian - Reappointment

(term to expire 7/04)

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Appointment

Board of Selectmen Designee

To study by-law governing New tracks

Mrs. Dias moved to appoint Town Counsel. SO VOTED

Appointment

Historic District Commissions

Madelon Hope Berkowitz

(term to expire 7/04)

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

LICENSES & PERMITS

Request for One Day All Alcoholic License
Retired Mens Club, 8/12/01, St. Camillus Parish Hall
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Private Connection to Town's Storm Drain
76 Crawford St.
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Termination of Old Sewer Easement and Execution of New Easement
Legacy Development, 420-438 Mass. Ave.
Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Report on Recent Power Outages
N-star

William Zamparelli, Government Relations Representative for N-Star was present and reported on the major power outages of July 25-27 during the recent heat wave. Rudy Movafagh, Manager of Distribution System engineering explained the infrastructure of the system and gave a detailed explanation of the recent outages. The Board expressed how unhappy the citizenry is with the recent outages. The Gentlemen explained that there is a major infrastructure project underway in Cambridge; the gentlemen requested that the Board send a letter to the City of Cambridge requesting that the city be as accommodating as possible with city permits and related matters to help expedite the process as much as possible.

Mr. Hurd moved to send a letter to the City of Cambridge requesting their assistance in expediting the conduit project in the Alwife area. SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley moved to amend Mr. Hurds vote to include inviting the N-Star representatives back for an update in three months. SO VOTED

The Chairman requested that Mr. Zamparelli meet with the Town Manager. He also requested that when they return they bring information relative to the number of employees they have today versus five years ago.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Stop Sign Ridge St./College Ave.
Lisa Sama
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Stop Signs: West St./Wollaston Ave./Tanager St.
Laura Juitt
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Stop Sign Sylvia St./Lublin St. Intersection
Wanda Nascimento
Mrs. Mahon moved approval due to the limited sight in the area. SO VOTED

Request for Stop Sign Ridge St./Edgehill Rd. Intersection
Thomas Caccavaro, Jr.
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Waiver of Parking Restriction
Xinzheng Yang, M.D., PhD, 9 Higgins St.
(from 6/25 agenda)
Mr. Hurd reported that he had visited the area and recommended approval.
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Amendment to Traffic Rules & Orders

Fredrick Ryan, Police Director & Richard Maimone, Fire Director

Location	Side	From	To	Type	Parking
Library Way	West	Mass. Ave.	224 Southerly	Fire Lane/No	
		(curb cut to	Parking		
		parking lot)			

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley exited the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Hurd moved to direct the Transportation Advisory Committee to conduct a Town wide study of stop signs. (4-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley returned to the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

For Discussion: Pedestrian Safety and Related Issues

Citizens of Mount Gilboa Neighborhood

Area residents were present and spoke at length about their concerns. The Chairman explained the process. The residents requested the mobile speed monitor and a barrel in the crosswalk at Westmoreland Road near the Reservoir. Mr. Hurd moved to refer the requests to the police department. SO VOTED

Report on Status of Utility Poles

Report of Selectman Hurd

Selectman Hurd gave an update and informed the Board that a representative of Verizon would be here in September to give a formal report. Mrs. Mahon requested that a dip in Draper Road, caused by a utility pole, be examined by the Town Manager.

For Approval: Insertion of Special Town Meeting Warrant Article

Re: Hardy School

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

For Approval: Request for Payment of Bills

Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

For Discussion: Process for Hiring of Board Administrator

The Chairman requested that Selectman Hurd and Selectman Dias serve as the paper screening committee. Mrs. Mahon moved to appoint Selectman Hurd and Selectmen Dias to the subcommittee. SO VOTED

For Discussion: Town Day 2001

Schedule for TV broadcast

The Chairman requested that Selectman Mahon coordinate this effort.

Correspondence Received

Celia Caliendo Concerns relative to McDonald's Restaurant
17 Richardson Ave.

Robert Sheehan Recent Events
RCN

Joanne Burns Request to park at Hurd Field 9/17/01, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
P.O. Box 265

Alexander Salipante Memorializing the late Harry Barber
Public Memorial
Committee

Victor Karamousayan Change in Food Vendor License
Yervan Middle East

Grocery
892 Mass. Ave.

Alan McClennen, Jr. Parking-Arlington Central Business District
Director, Planning &
Community Development
Joey Glushko, Planner

Mr. Hurd moved to refer this to the municipal parking subcommittee. SO VOTED

Mrs. Dias moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED

New Business

Ms. Cove informed the Board of a request to gather at the Town Hall and for an endorsement of the Peace Run on Monday, August 13th. Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley requested an update on the plans to build housing near St. Camillas Church.

Mrs. Mahon invited the Board to participate in Hands Across Alewife on August 7th at 8:30 a.m. She also invited them to a Special Olympics event on September 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Dias requested an update on an issue on Spring and Coolidge Streets.

Mr. Hurd requested that a report from the Transportation Advisory Committee Appear on the next agenda. He also raised the issue of funding holiday lighting in East Arlington.

Mr. Lyons informed the Board that the Cable Advisory Committee had finalized contract discussions with RCN. He also informed the Board that the issue of an Access Corporation should be discuss over the next few months.

Mr. Greeley moved to appoint Mr. Steve Andrews to the Symmes Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left by Harry McCabe.
SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons informed the Board that he is now a trustee of Mt. Auburn Hospital and that the Mass. Municipal Association has endorsed him to be 2nd Vice President of the National League of Cities. Mr. Greeley moved to send a letter to endorse Mr. Lyons candidacy. SO VOTED

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. SO VOTED

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator